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Dear Jim, 75-226 and Dallas T-H

Earl Golz phoned this evening after receiving my letter. All the indications are of helpfulness. In return, without being asked. I offered access here to the yield of this case if his people are willing to seek tp carry it forward.

Dan Smoot was as ultra as the right limot permits. His widow interviewed the late Sheriff Decker. He seems to have told her what we can use in this case. I asked Earl to draft a simple affidavit in which she identifies herself and her source and identify him as naturally, not unnaturally dead. And then just transcribe her notes on what Decker told her about the curbstone - he saw copper the day of the crime. he =High Sheriff.

When Earl seemed uneasy I asked him to ask Paul to do this, partly because he is on the Smoot si e of that line, partly because he is a lawyer and partly because O think she'd have faith in a former FBI agent.

Earl told me what Paul did not, that his wife is seriously ill. So Paul may not be able to do this now.

Dillard is palying games even with Earl on the pix. The editorial attitude on the higher levels is unchanged despite the story so he may get nowhere. He will try for Underwood through Wes Wise, who is back at broadcasting. I've explained the purposes of the pix and referred him to PM, which he will learn that the Dallasites have not told him about. I've told him that if his people want to use this from PM okay.

It seems that Cyril has been telling people, including him, how hard he has been trying to obtain the test results under FOIA and is given nohting.

As I understood Earl no results at all. This is why I offered him what we have if his people will carry forward. With suit history and number identifications.

I expect nothing but what is there to lose?

With the criticism of the Dallas Police for what they did in their nitrate testing I told Earl that in my view the NAA did not duplicate this and that the records I have permit the DPD to do it faithfully and see what the numbers come to.

Before you return I have a note fromDallas to which to respond. And will.